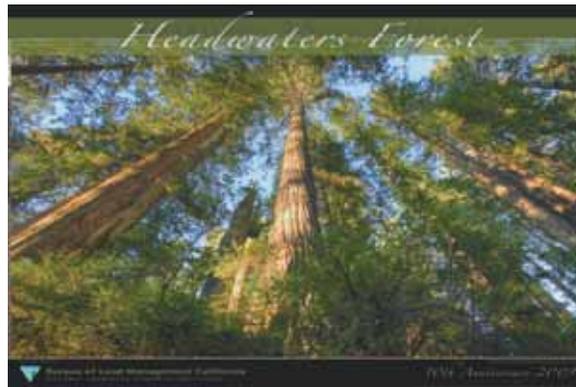


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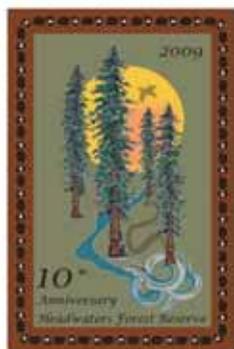
10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the Headwaters Forest Reserve. The anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the colorful history of the establishment of the Reserve, to thank our numerous community partners who help manage the resources and to look toward future goals to protect and restore this special place.

On March 4th, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) kicked off the anniversary year by hosting an event at the Headwaters Education Center in the recently renovated train barn. Several agency representatives, community members and leaders came together to commemorate the tremendous grassroots effort to protect the Reserve and learn about projects to protect and enhance the cultural and natural characteristics.



The Headwaters Forest Reserve 10th Anniversary poster is available to participants at anniversary activities and by request.



The next anniversary event will be an **open house** for the general public, scheduled for **Saturday, May 30th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at the Headwaters Education Center. The education center is approximately 0.6 miles from the Elk River Trailhead. BLM staff will be available to provide information about the Reserve and refreshments will be served. We look forward to thanking you in person for all the community support over the years and to meet new friends at the open house. A full schedule of events is on the back page.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All projects completed in 2008 and underway in 2009 are consistent with the guidelines identified in the Resource Management Plan (June 2004). Here is a brief list of 2008 accomplishments:

- Completed renovation of Headwaters Education Center
- Removed 0.5 miles of failing logging roads.
- Planted 5,000 redwood seedlings.
- Thinned 277 acres of overstocked second growth.
- Continued non-native invasive weed removal.
- Guided 413 students on interpretive hikes.

More information on these and other projects is available in the manager's report on the Headwater's website.

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/arcata/headwaters.html>



Headwaters Education Center

- Continued testing at three archaeological sites.
- Completed Elk River Trailhead parking lot improvements using "eco-friendly" permeable pavers.
- Continued monitoring marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, corvids (e.g., jays and ravens) and barred owls.
- Located a new pair of spotted owls (total of four pairs reside in the Reserve).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary and learn more about the Headwaters Forest Reserve by participating in any or all of the following events.

Please sign-up at least 1 week in advance of each event by contacting the Arcata Field Office at (707) 825-2300.

Knowing the number of participants ahead of time helps us plan parking and other event logistics.

Open House

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by the Headwaters Education Center at your convenience for refreshments, visit with staff and view informational posters.

Restoration Hike

Saturday, June 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

View the results of projects designed to recover natural watershed and forest ecosystem processes. We'll meet at Newburg Park in Fortuna at 9 a.m. and visit various sites near Alicia Pass where old logging roads have been removed and second-growth forests have been thinned.

Marbled Murrelet Monitoring

Saturday, July 11, 4:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Participate in an early morning survey to detect marbled murrelets - the elusive seabird that nests in the limbs of large redwood and Douglas-fir trees in the Reserve. We'll meet at Newburg Park in Fortuna at 4:30 a.m. then hike the Salmon Pass Trail.

Music and Storytelling

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Enjoy an entertaining and informative evening of music and storytelling at the Headwaters Education Center.

Tour of Falk

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Take a walk back in time to the historic logging town of Falk. Learn more about the people and their stories during the early, rugged logging years.

Salmon Pass Guided Hikes

May 15 through November 15

Hike through old-growth redwood forests and view restoration work with a BLM interpretive ranger. Schedule a tour by contacting the Arcata Field Office.

2009 MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Elk River Corridor Projects

(north end)

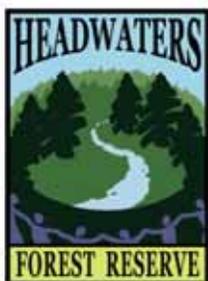
Elk River Trail Closures: Sections of the Elk River Trail will be periodically closed to allow heavy equipment to recontour unstable slopes along the trail. We will update closure time periods in local newspapers, on our web-site and at Headwaters access points.

Watershed and Forest Restoration: Road removal activities will begin in the Little South Fork Elk River area this year along with forest thinning.

Invasive Weed Management: The ongoing battle to remove non-native invasive weeds continues thanks to the hard work of the California Conservation Corps.

Education Center Exhibits: Work is underway to complete the design and installation of educational exhibits.

Education and Outreach: We will continue to conduct programs for students and visitors to interpret the unique natural and cultural characteristics of the Reserve.



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Salmon Pass Projects

(south end)

Watershed and Forest Restoration: Several acres of dense tree plantation will be thinned near Alicia Pass. Road removal work in the Salmon Creek watershed is nearing completion in partnership with Pacific Coast Fish, Wildlife & Wetlands Association.

Salmon Pass Trailhead: New signs will be installed at the Newburg Road gate and the Salmon Pass Trailhead along with a new restroom and grading work to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Research: An archaeological study regarding a pre-historic site will be completed in partnership with Humboldt State University Department of Anthropology.

Results of a fire ecology study will be published this year.



This plantation, adjacent to old growth, was clear-cut in 1992, prior to the establishment of the Reserve, and is slated for thinning in the future.